

**THE COMMONWEALTH.**

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**Publisher's Announcement.**

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the views of correspondents, and the publication of a communication does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. The Commonwealth adheres to these general principles.

Elsewhere in this issue we print an address by Mr. Albion Dunn, chairman of the county Anti-Saloon League, to the township committees concerning their work in the prohibition campaign. It is a strong plea for earnest work and should be well heeded.

The "Corn Special" which traversed some parts of Eastern Carolina last week, was a good step towards encouraging the farmers to raise better corn crops and give more attention to that important part of their crops. It is the farmer with a crib full of corn who is independent.

The subject of good roads is claiming the attention of people all through the country. Attention is directed to the article on road building on the first page of this paper. There are many good suggestions in the article and those who are engaged in road building will do well to study it.

**DON'T PLOW WET LAND.**

The late spring and the continued rains have kept farmers from plowing as they have desired. Almost every farmer says he is behind with his work.

Under these circumstances there is danger that the farmers will get in too great a hurry and plow their land when it is too wet. Better wait a day or two after the heavy rains than to turn up the soil when it is too wet. It will injure the crops all through the year to plow the land when it is too wet.

**NOW IS THE TIME.**

Elsewhere we print a call by the president of Halifax County division of the Southern Cotton Association for a meeting in Halifax next Monday, April 6th.

The great discrepancy between the cotton crop and the present price should arouse every person in the South to a keen interest in the Southern Cotton Association. With a cotton crop two million bales less than last year's crop, it is clear to any thinking man that the price of cotton should have advanced. As great as is the per cent. in the deficit of the crop so great, at least, should be the per cent. in the advance of the price. But such is not the case. The price has been falling lower ever since the final report came out. And in this there is something wrong, and this is the time for farmers to consider, through the Southern Cotton Association, what can be done to stop the decline in price and send it back where it belongs.

But perhaps some one will say that the Southern Cotton Association is all ineffective for good, else the price of cotton would not decline in the face of a two million deficit in the crop. To this may be answered that if there had been no Southern Cotton Association, with the panic conditions that have prevailed in the country since last October, cotton would doubtless be selling to-day as low as 7 to 5 cents. Yes, indeed—the Southern Cotton Association has held cotton to its present price, notwithstanding the panic, and it is wisdom on the part of every cotton farmer to rally now to its support in order that its power may still be felt against the depression and decline in the price of cotton.

Let there be a live interest with people other than farmers, for as the cotton crop of the South is the chief source of money and life of business, it behooves every person to do everything possible for the encouragement and support of the Association.

Let there be a good meeting in Halifax next Monday. It is expected that there will be an address from the State president to the county organization.

**POSTAL RULING MODIFIED.**

Washington, D. C., March 26.—The Postoffice Department has again modified its recent order in regard to lapsed subscriptions and will permit newspaper and magazine publishers to continue sending their publications to subscribers whose subscriptions have expired, provided the subscribers request it be done.

The whole end sought by the Department is to prevent publications having fraudulent subscription lists from sending the publications indefinitely once they have a man's name on their lists. They do not wish to prohibit a legitimate publisher from crediting a legitimate subscriber if it is agreeable with both. The new amendment was made known this afternoon to Representative Clark, of Florida, who called at the Department with Col. Chas. T. J. Appleyard, editor of the Lake City Florida Index and secretary of the Florida Press Association.

The above was sent out from Washington twenty-four hours after last week's issue of THE COMMONWEALTH was printed, and while it modifies the first ruling it does not contemplate the privilege to publishers to send their papers for an indefinite time to those who do not pay.

As quite a number of our delinquents have asked us to continue their paper to them, under the last ruling we shall do so to those who make satisfactory arrangements about when they will pay us.

To those who seem altogether careless about what they owe us, the rule will be applied—and the paper discontinued.

**Wise Words to Farmers.**

(C. C. Moore in News and Observer.)

To the Editor: Not since the time the Southern Cotton Association was organized, has there been so great a need for a strong organization in the South, for the protection of the price of cotton as at the present time.

Here with an admitted shortage of near 3,000,000 bales for the adequate demands of the world, the speculators unwarrantedly drive the price down \$10 per bale in the face of these facts.

Are our farmers and business men to sit quietly and see their asset for doing business lifted from beneath them? No, never. Then let every man in every cotton county get to his county court house on Monday, April 6th, and look the situation fairly in the face. We are up against a serious problem and one which requires the immediate consideration of every thinking man.

School house meetings, cross road meetings, blacksmith shop meetings should be called at once. Do not wait for some one to suggest the place for your neighborhood, go to work and call out your neighbors, get them all out, tenant and landlord and look at what is before the business interest (no matter of what kind) of the State, if the calls of cotton is permitted at present prices, stop the sale of cotton and cut off the planting of cotton at least 25 per cent. one half would be even better.

Landlords, just so sure as you permit your "croppers" to plant the same acreage as they had last year, you are helping to bring stagnation to all business interests in the State. Talk to the one and two horse farmer who does not read the papers, tell him about the Southern mills piling up their products, because they cannot sell, tell him to cut out cotton and raise corn to sell at 75c. to \$1.00 per bushel, hay that is selling at \$18 to \$22 per ton, oats that sell at 65c. to 75c. per bushel. Tell them to raise hogs and make butter, anything rather than to ruin every business in the South by making more cotton when the world will not consume at a fair price the small crop of 1907.

The farmers of North Carolina cotton counties are in good condition, in fact they are more independent than they have been for years. It is up to them now to use good business judgment and save the business interests from disaster. President A. J. McKinnon will call for cotton association meetings in every county for Monday, April 6. Let every farmer and every business man hear that call and go to the court house.

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**DEATH OF MR. MARSHALL GARY.**

**A Friend's Tribute.**

HALIFAX, N. C., March 30, '08. The death of F. Marshall Gary, the only son of S. M. Gary, clerk of Halifax Superior Court, has thrown over our town a deep and almost impenetrable gloom. Perhaps the death of no young man here has excited so much sympathy and brought so much pain and sadness to the hearts of our people as this one—a young man just verging into his 22nd year, beginning to make himself of some service to the world, and bringing to pass rich fruits of hope of a fond parent, and loving sister, and adoring relatives, and well wishing friends. He was following his chosen profession, and with that artistic characteristic about him that would have brought to him eventually abundant success, that would have exalted him in the estimation of men, and won for him manifold laurels.

Possessing in a large degree uniqueness of thought and originality, which he strongly portrayed with pen, in picture, it was only natural that his work was being admired by the public, and receiving favorable comments from the eminent critics of the day. And though young in years, and without that experience which age brings, having those refined and cultured qualities within him that bespeak the high-toned gentleman the world over, he would have towered head and shoulders above that self-conscious man who lacked these principles, and won his way along the devious paths of the world, without any strenuous effort on his part to win the plaudits of men.

Marshall was a character with rich, ennobling quality, having tastes and inclinations of the most refined order, modest and retiring in his position as a young girl. He was studious, industrious, energetic, attentive to duty, solicitous for the comfort and pleasure of all those with whom he associated. In the home he was idolized by father and sister. Their hopes and ambition were centered in him. Nothing was too good for him. No trouble too great, no sacrifice too deep, if by that means it made progress for Marshall.

His grand-mother, Mrs. McMahon, loved him as one of her sons, while Joseph and Ferral McMahon loved him perhaps as no other living being, excepting their mother. No wonder, then, that he should have grown to be such a lovable young man, having these influences about him which go far toward making the life beautiful.

Every one loved him, old and young, large and small, white and black. The dumb creatures loved him, too, for at his hands they received only kindness. He was never known to speak an unkind word, utter an impure thought, nor treat any one or anything except with the utmost respect and courtesy.

Why then was this life required? Why could it not have been allowed us a few more years? Why, oh! why, should this heavy blow fall upon a fond, loving, hopeful father, and a tender, gentle sister? Only a few more years, then "we'll understand," for in the light of eternity's revealing these things will be explained. It is not ours to question divine providence. "The Lord gave, and the Lord taketh away."

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blessed be the name of the Lord." should be our response to His will. Mr. Gary reached his son's side before he expired, but not in time to be recognized. The remains were brought from New York, and reached here on Friday, March 17th, and were placed away in the little plot surrounding the vault of his ancestors, beside his mother, on the Sunday following.

Father O'Brien conducted the service according to the rites of the Catholic church, and paid a beautiful and touching tribute to his life, character and accomplishments. Many friends from different sections of the county and state were here. The offering of beautiful flowers, the tearful eyes, the expression of deep sympathy on every hand, only betokened a part of the love and friendship which existed for him.

W. F. COPPEDGE.

**To Meet in Halifax.**

There will be a call meeting of the county division of the Southern Cotton Association in Halifax Monday, April 6th. The Executive Committee members from the various townships are especially requested to be present and as many others as can do so.

Matters of importance will come before the meeting which has been called by the State President of the Southern Cotton Association. Let there be a good meeting.

E. E. HILLIARD, President Halifax Co. S. C. A.

**Deaths and Disasters Stigma.**

(Go to The Commonwealth.)

Epworth, March 27, 1908. This community was greatly shocked by the death of Mr. P. H. Pittman, on Sunday morning March 22, 1908. He was riding his buggy and fell. His wife saw him lying on the ground, and went to see what was the matter. She found him speechless. They took him to the house and he died in a few minutes. He leaves a wife and three little children to mourn their loss. He was interred in the cemetery at Gethsemane church Monday p. m., in the presence of a large assembly.

He never made profession in Christ, but he was a good husband, father, neighbor and friend. He was always willing to give a helping hand.

We had a severe hail storm last Thursday night, the 19th. The wind blew Mr. Miles Smithson's stables down and killed nine head of mules and horses.

Mr. Redden Wordworth's little three-year-old boy died Monday night 23rd, of pneumonia.

Mrs. Joe Pittman's baby died Thursday night the 26th with bronchitis.

**Notice.**

By virtue of authority vested in me by an order for a resale entered in the Special Proceedings in the Superior Court of Martin County entitled Hyman, Aushon et al vs Stamper, Allsbrook et al, I shall sell to the highest bidder for cash at public sale at the court house door in Williamston, N. C., at 12 o'clock M. on Monday, May 4th, 1908, the following described property to-wit: Being in the edges of Martin and Halifax counties, known as the John Frosty Hyman land, lying on and near the road leading from Palmyra to Holgood, said tract of land adjoining E. P. Hyman, George James, J. B. Stevenson, Mizell place and others, containing 250 acres more or less. The land is well set with pines, the timber being cut from same about twelve years.

This February 17th, 1908. S. J. EVERETT, Commissioner. Williamston, N. C. 4-2-4t

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